

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re

Patent Application of

Haslam, James Henry

Serial No. 10/549,519

Filed September 14, 2005

"Improvements in and Relating to
Trailer Coupling"

Confirmation No. 1344

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Office of Petitions
Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The above patent application was submitted under 35 U.S.C. 371 on September 14, 2005. The application was submitted without a Declaration. We, Applicant's attorneys, were waiting for the Notification of Missing Requirements before submitting the Declaration. Periodically, we checked the status of this application on Private PAIR to see if a Notification had been issued. All of these status checks indicated a status of "Application Undergoing Preexam Processing." We further checked under "Image File Wrapper" and saw that no Notification of Missing Requirements had been issued.


On approximately August 13, 2007, we again checked the status on PAIR and noticed under "Transaction History" the notation that on 4-25-2006 a "Notice of DO/EO Missing Requirements" was mailed. We never received this Notice. A search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office communication was not received. Attached is a copy of our docket record where the non-received Notice of Missing Requirements would have been entered had it been received and docketed. (The attached report, dated June 23, 2006, shows all actions due for the undersigned on June 25, 2006, when the response to the Notice would have been due.)

Even though the extendable period for response expired in October 2006, PAIR still indicated in August 2007 that the application was not abandoned and was undergoing preexam processing, as shown on the attached copy of a screen shot taken August 20, 2007 from Private PAIR. As of that date the application was not abandoned and there was no Notification of Missing Requirements listed in the Image File Wrapper.

After discovering that a Notice of Missing Requirements may have been mailed, we then called the PCT branch of the PTO and requested a copy of the Notice. The PTO faxed us a copy. On August 23, 2007 we contacted Ms. Kidwell, who signed the Notification of Missing Requirements, asking if a new Notification of Missing Requirements could be mailed. We also spoke with Ms. Short, Ms. Kidwell's supervisor. She said the PTO could not issue a new Notification of Missing Requirements, but would issue a Notice of Abandonment. We eventually received the Notification of Abandonment dated August 24, 2007.

Applicant's attorneys hereby request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment. Enclosed with this petition, in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements, is the declaration of the inventors. Please charge \$65 to Deposit Account 13-3080 in payment of the surcharge for late submission. Should any additional fees be due, please also charge this deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



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24-Jun-2006	File Opened	010121-8060		Matter Opened			DRP
Due Date	Status Check	United States of America					TJO
Resp. Off.: M1		STD					
Base Date:	24-Mar-2006	Client Ref.: EPC					
Client:	010121						
Title:	STUDY OF METHODS OF CONNECTING ROTOR TO SHAFT						
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24-Jun-2006	Check if CON/DIV Desired	010121-9911	001	Allowed	10/662052		DRP
Reminder	CON/DIV Desired (due in 1 mo.)	United States of America			12-Sep-2003		TJM
Resp. Off.: M1		ORD			Conf No.: 8331		VMC

Base Date: 24-Apr-2006 Client Ref.: EPCC
 Client: 010121
 Title: FIXED SPEED DRIVE
 Assignee: 010121

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24-Jun-2006	US-Allowance	010121-9911	001	Allowed	10/662052		DRP
Reminder	Issue Fee(s) (due in 1 mo.)	United States of America			12-Sep-2003		TJM
Resp. Off.: M1		ORD			Conf No.: 8331		VMC

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24-Jun-2006	Request Examination	010121-9950	001	Published	10058633.4		DRP
Reminder	Request Exam (due in 1 mo.)	China (Peoples Republic)			26-Jul-2004		JAH
Resp. Off.: MI		ORD					SLW
Base Date:	24-Jul-2006						
Client:	010121						
Title:	BRUSHLESS PERMANENT MAGNET MACHINE WITH REDUCED COGGING AND TORQUE RIPPLE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME						
Remarks:	See letter dated 08/30/2004						
Assignee:							
24-Jun-2006	Priority Document Due	010121-9956/01		Pending	PA/A/2006/004582		DRP
Reminder	Priority Doc. (due in 1 mo.)	Mexico			24-Apr-2006		SLW
Resp. Off.: MI		ORD					SAJ
Base Date:	24-Jul-2006						
Client:	010121						
Title:	ELECTRICAL MACHINE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME						
Remarks:	See Letter Dated 04-26-06 - Due Date is 3 months as of April 24, 2006						

24-Jun-2006	US-3 Mo. Office Action	013344-9047	001	Published	10/501280		DRP
Reminder	Response (due in 1 mo.)	United States of America			09-Jul-2004		SAJ
Resp. Off.: MI		PCT					

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Base Date: 24-Apr-2006
 Client: 013344
 Title: INTERLOCKING DEVICES
 Assignee:

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Due Date	Request Reconsi Follow Up Date	United States of America			22-Jun-2005		CBA
Resp.Off.: MI		CON		Conf No.: 8994			
Base Date:	26-Sep-2005						
Client:	025234						
Title:	INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE						
Remarks:	Deadline to Request Reconsideration of Petition that was dismissed per CBA 09-26-05 Second Renewed Petition sent per CBA 10-24-05 PTO Received 10/26/2005.						
Assignee:							
24-Jun-2006	Correct Filing Receipt	081276-1008	001	Pending	10/250389		DRP
Due Date	Correct Filing Follow Up Date	United States of America			01-Jun-2004		SAJ
Resp.Off.: MI		PCT		Conf No.: 9653			
Base Date:	24-Aug-2004						
Client:	081276						
Title:	DEVICE FOR DETACHABLY LINKING A WIPER BLADE WITH A WIPER ARM						
Remarks:	PTO received 8-24-04 which was sent 8-24-04 per SAJ						
Assignee:	081276						
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Due Date	Correct Filing Follow Up Date	United States of America			14-Nov-2003		SAJ
Resp. Off.: MI		PCT			Conf No.: 8316		
Base Date:	24-Aug-2004	Client Ref.: R303228					
Client:	081276						
Title:	WIPER SYSTEM						
Remarks:	PTO received 8-24-04 which was sent 8-24-04 per SAJ OK on PAIR 10-21-05 per DRP						
Assignee:							
24-Jun-2006	Deadline for Priority Claim(s)	081276-1078		Pending	10/573465		DRP
Reminder	Priority Claim(s) due in 1mo.	United States of America			24-Mar-2006		SAJ
Resp. Off.: MI		PCT					
Base Date:	24-Mar-2006	Client Ref.: 306676					
Client:	081276						
Title:	DEVICE FOR MAINTAINING THE POSITION OF A ROTATABLY OR DISPLACEABLY MOUNTED SHAFT						

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Resp. Off.: MI		PCT					
Base Date: 24-Mar-2006 Client Ref.: 306676							
Client: 081276 [REDACTED]							
Title: DEVICE FOR MAINTAINING THE POSITION OF A ROTATABLY OR DISPLACEABLY MOUNTED SHAFT							
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Due Date Status Check United States of America RLK							
Resp. Off.: MI DSC							
Base Date: 24-Mar-2006 Client Ref.: 2006/1001							
Client: 081276 [REDACTED]							
Title: THIMBLE FORM-FITTED PLANAR HEATER							
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25-Jun-2006	US-Allowance	010121-9825/02	003	Allowed	10/369421		DRP
Due Date	US-Allowance Follow Up Date	United States of America			18-Feb-2003		DSJ
Resp. Off.: MI		CIP		Conf No.: 7154			
Base Date:	27-Jan-2005	Client Ref.: WPCC					
Client:	010121						
Title:	ROOFTOP WATER HEATER						
Remarks:	<p>The drawings filed on 2-18-03 are accepted by the examiner.</p> <p>Paid fees 4-25-05 per DRP</p> <p>PTO received fees 4-27-05</p> <p>OK on PAIR per DRP 4/23/2005 <u>4/23/06</u></p> <p>Assignee: [REDACTED]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sent _____ (date)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Move <u>2</u> mos.(s)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> In process, will submit a Response Completed Form</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Remove item (explanation) _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Abandon file (submit file to Docketing)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Matter Closed - Remove all dates on docket</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>						
25-Jun-2006	National Phase-30mo.	010121-9828/01	002	Published	2005/010076		DRP
Reminder	Nat.Phase-30mo.(due in 3 mos.)	Patent Cooperation Treaty			25-Mar-2005		JAH
Resp.Off.: MI		ORD					SLW
Base Date:	25-Mar-2004	Client Ref.: WPCB					
Client:	010121						
Title:	PROPORTIONAL BAND TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR ONE OR MORE HEATING ELEMENTS						

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25-Jun-2006 Due Date	Assignment Due	010121-9956 Mexico		Pending	P/A/A/2006/004530 24-Apr-2006		DRP SLW
Resp. Off.: MI							
Base Date: 25-May-2006							
Client: 010121							
Title: ELECTRICAL MACHINE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME							
Remarks: See Letter dated 04-25-06 - No Due Date Specified							
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Resp. Off.: MI							
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Client: 010121							
Title: ELECTRICAL MACHINE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME							
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Due Date	Declaration Re: Missing Invent	Mexico			24-Apr-2006		SLW SAJ
Resp. Off.: MI		PCT					
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Client:	010121						
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Due Date	Status Check	United States of America			04-Jun-2001	16-Sep-2003	SAJ
Resp. Off.: MI		PCT		Conf No.: 3208			KJS
Base Date:	25-May-2006						
Client:	043153						
Title:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MONITORING A STRUCTURE USING A COUNTER-PROPAGATING SIGNAL METHOD FOR LOCATING EVENTS						
Remarks:	See Letter dated 5/25/2006. We propose to consider re-examination but before we file the request, please let us know whether there is any detriment in delaying a request for re-examination until a later date, or whether any delay would be prejudicial to the re-examination of the patents.						
Assignee:							
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25-Jun-2006	Status Check	043153-9062/01	002	Granted	10/426114	6778717	DRP
Due Date	Status Check	United States of America			29-Apr-2003	17-Aug-2004	SAJ
Resp.Off.: MI		CON		Conf No.: 7640			KJS
Base Date:	25-May-2006						
Client:	043153						
Title:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MONITORING A STRUCTURE USING A COUNTER-PROPAGATING SIGNAL METHOD FOR LOCATING EVENTS						
Remarks:	See Letter dated 5/25/2006. We propose to consider re-examination but before we file the request, please let us know whether there is any detriment in delaying a request for re-examination until a later date, or whether any delay would be prejudicial to the re-examination of the patents.						
Assignee:							
25-Jun-2006	Foreign Filing	081276-9146	001	Pending	11/188318		DRP
Reminder	Foreign Filing (due in 1 mo.)	United States of America			25-Jul-2005		DCS
Resp.Off.: MI		ORD		Conf No.: 9742			
Base Date:	25-Jul-2005			Client Ref.: R310561			
Client:	081276						
Title:	EMPTY SEAT DETECTION VIA SPECTRAL ANALYSIS						
Assignee:	081276						

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Reminder	Foreign Filing (due in 2 mos.)	United States of America			25-Aug-2005		DCS
Resp. Off.: M1		ORD		Conf No.: 7067			DFP

Base Date: 25-Aug-2005

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Client: 081276

Title: VEHICLE STABILITY CONTROL SYSTEM

Assignee: ROBO

26-Jun-2006	Assignment Due	010121-8015		Pending	PA/A/2006/006071		DRP
Reminder	Assignment (due in 1 mo.)	Mexico			26-May-2006		TJO

Resp. Off.: M1

Base Date: 26-Jul-2006

Client Ref.: EPCCE

Client: 010121

Title: ROTOR CORE WITH SPACERS

Remarks: See email dated 05-26-06 - The Assignment is due within two months of the filing date

Assignee: 010121

26-Jun-2006	Assignment Due	010121-9956/01		Pending	PA/A/2006/004582		DRP
Due Date	Assignment Due	Mexico			24-Apr-2006		SLW

Resp. Off.: M1

Base Date: 26-May-2006

Client Ref.: EPCCE

Client: 010121

Title: ELECTRICAL MACHINE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME

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Resp. Off.: MI Base Date: 26-May-2006 Client: 010121 Title: ELECTRICAL MACHINE AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME Remarks: See Letter Dated 04-26-06 - Declarations due for the following: 1) Declaration from Paul Steven testifying that the missing inventor should be considered as co-inventor 2) Declaration from Missing Inventor No Due Date Specified. Client Ref.: EPCCE							
26-Jun-2006 Due Date	Response Due	010121-9956/01 Mexico ORD		Pending	PA/A/2006/004582 24-Apr-2006		DRP SLW SAJ
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Group Art Unit:	3618	Location Date:	-
Confirmation Number:	1344	Earliest Publication No:	-
Attorney Docket Number:	013344-9061-00	Earliest Publication Date:	-
Class / Subclass:	280/	Patent Number:	-
First Named Inventor:	James Haslam , ,	Issue Date of Patent:	-

Title of Invention:	Improvements in and relating to trailer coupling
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